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Referred to the Committee on Resources

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to produce and sell products and to sell publications relating to the Hoover Dam, and to deposit revenues generated from the sales into the Colorado River Dam fund.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hoover Dam Miscella-
5 neous Sales Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that—

3 (1) the sale and distribution of general public
4 information about the use of public land and water
5 areas for recreation, fish, wildlife, and other pur-
6 poses serve significant public benefits;

7 (2) publications and other materials educate the
8 public and provide general information about Bu-
9 reau of Reclamation programs and projects;

10 (3) in 1997, more than 1,000,000 visitors, in-
11 cluding 300,000 from foreign countries, toured the
12 Hoover Dam;

13 (4) hundreds of thousands of additional visitors
14 stopped to view the dam;

15 (5) visitors often ask to purchase maps, publi-
16 cations, and other items to enhance their experience
17 or serve educational purposes;

18 (6) in many cases the Bureau of Reclamation
19 is the sole source of those items;

20 (7) the Bureau is in a unique position to fulfill
21 public requests for those items; and

22 (8) as a public agency, the Bureau should be
23 responsive to the public by having appropriate items
24 available for sale.

25 **SEC. 3. PURPOSES.**

26 The purposes of this Act are—

1 (1) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to
2 offer for sale to members of the public that visit the
3 Hoover Dam Visitor Center educational materials
4 and memorabilia; and

5 (2) to use revenue from those sales to repay the
6 costs relating to construction of the Hoover Dam
7 Visitor Center.

8 **SEC. 4. AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT SALES.**

9 With respect to the Hoover Dam, the Secretary of
10 the Interior, acting through the Commissioner of Rec-
11 lamation, may—

12 (1) conduct sales of—

13 (A) materials generated by the Bureau of
14 Reclamation such as posters, maps, brochures,
15 photographs, and similar publications, video-
16 tapes, and computer information discs that are
17 related to programs or projects of the Bureau;
18 and

19 (B) memorabilia and other commemorative
20 items that depict programs or projects of the
21 Bureau;

22 (2) convert unneeded property or scrap material
23 into Bureau memorabilia for sale purposes; and

1 (3) enter into agreements with nonprofit orga-
2 nizations, other Federal agencies, State and local
3 governments, and commercial entities for—

4 (A) the production or sale of items de-
5 scribed in paragraphs (1) and (2); and

6 (B) the sale of publications described in
7 paragraph (1).

8 **SEC. 5. COSTS AND REVENUES.**

9 (a) COSTS.—All costs incurred by the Bureau of Rec-
10 lamation under this Act shall be paid from the Colorado
11 River Dam fund established by section 2 of the Act of
12 December 21, 1928 (43 U.S.C. 617a).

13 (b) REVENUES.—

14 (1) USE FOR REPAYMENT OF SALES COSTS.—
15 All revenues collected by the Bureau of Reclamation
16 under this Act shall be credited to the Colorado
17 River Dam fund to remain available, without further
18 Act of appropriation, to pay costs associated with
19 the production and sale of items in accordance with
20 section 4.

21 (2) USE FOR REPAYMENT OF CONSTRUCTION
22 COSTS.—All revenues collected by the Bureau of
23 Reclamation under this Act that are not needed to
24 pay costs described in paragraph (1) shall be trans-
25 ferred annually to the general fund of the Treasury

- 1 in repayment of costs relating to construction of the
- 2 Hoover Dam Visitor Center.

Passed the Senate November 19, 1999.

Attest:

GARY SISCO,
Secretary.